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SUBJECT: LOS: SPANISH EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF FISHING TALKS WITH MOROCCO

REFS: A. RABAT 1141; B. RABAT 1097

1. GOS IS REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF MARCH 9-13 FISHING TALKS WITH MOROCCO ( REF A) ACCORDING TO SENIOR SPANISH DIPLOMAT IN RABAT. SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 14 THAT WHILE GOS OF COURSE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED REACHING NEW FISHING AGREEMENT WITH GOM RIGHT AWAY, IT CAN LIVE WITH DELAY OF HOPEFULLY ONLY ONE MONTH. GOS THINKS MONTH WILL BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MOROCCAN AND SPANISH BUSINESSMEN TO NEGOTIATE DEALS FOR COOPERATIVE EXPLOITATION OF MOROCCAN FISHING ZONE.

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2. SOURCE SAID THERE NUMEROUS POSSIBLE FORMULAS UNDER WHICH SPANISH ENTREPRENEURS IN FISHING AND PROCESSING CAN WORK WITH MOROCCAN COUNTERPARTS UNDER NEW MOROCCAN FISHING AND MOROCCANIZATION LAWS ( REF B). HE ALSO SAID BUSINESSMEN OF BOTH SIDES ARE ACTIVELY DISCUSSING DEALS IN POSITIVE MANNER.

3. COMMENTING ON CRITICAL REPORTS ON FISHING TALKS IN SPANISH PRESS ( E. G., YA DISPATCH CARRIED IN MAP MARCH 14 WHICH SAID THAT GOM MADE IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REAL NEGOTIATION), SOURCE SAID THAT HE HAS LITTLE RESPECT FOR " NEGATIVIST" SPANISH PRESS. SOME SPANISH PAPERS, HE SAID IN CONFIDENCE, ARE ALLIED WITH SPANISH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN JINGOISTS IN ATTEMPT TO ALARM ILL-INFORMED SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION. SOURCE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SPANISH- MOROCCAN RELATIONS WILL PROCEED SATISFACTORILY IF THEIR CONDUCT LEFT TO DIPLOMATS.  
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